

## MAN WHO BUILT POET'S CABIN, LONG AGO, IS RAZING IT

Capital Home of Joaquin  
Miller Soon Will Be  
Rebuilt.

## SITE TO BE CHOSEN IN POTOMAC PARK

Historic House Once Was Mecca  
for Statesmen and Men of  
Letters and Art.

To stand in Potomac Park as a permanent memorial to Joaquin Miller, the famous poet, who occupied it during his brief period as a resident of Washington, the little log cabin which, for twenty-seven years, has occupied a position on Meridian Hill, probably the most prominent point in the city proper, soon is being transferred, piece by piece, to its new location.

The exact spot upon which the cabin will stand is not known at this time. Neither has the site for the proposed \$20,000 memorial to Abraham Lincoln been selected. If the latter memorial is constructed in the most prominent spot in the river reservation, and if the entire amount appropriated by Congress for its construction, is used, it probably will attract no more attention than the Miller cabin, particularly from the literary classes.

There are scores of persons in Washington today who remember Miller when he lived in Washington, frequented daily "Newspaper Row," made infrequent visits to the Capitol, and other Government buildings; mixed and mingled with the leading figures in the social, diplomatic, literary, and financial world, and spent his late afternoons and evenings in the little hut on the brow of Meridian Hill, a house that cost scarcely \$250, and erected upon ground that could be purchased at almost any price.

Quantitatively situated. While occupying the highest point of Meridian Hill, alone, the little cabin was well fitted to its surroundings. A wild rugged point was selected by the poet for a home site. Below it, at the time, were acres of rough land, and surrounding it on all sides were irregular masses of trees of no particular kind or size. In recent years, however, Washington has pushed its three sides of the structure some of the most beautiful and expensive homes which the nation can boast have arisen. When the million-dollar residence for former Ambassador White was erected in front of the little cabin, its grandeur immediately disappeared.

The cabin was designed to harmonize with the wild ruggedness of the land surrounding it. The moment this ruggedness was torn down the impressiveness of Miller's former home was lost.

Entertained Much. The California State Society which has so conscientiously worked for months to preserve the structure, decided to remove the hut to Potomac Park. The society was assisted by the California Congressional delegation, and the hundreds of friends of the "Poet of the Sierras."

Many are the tales handed down regarding the little cabin and its master. There are many Washingtonians living who remember the visits made by the \$50 structure by famous literary and financial men, actors and actresses, and Government officials of that day. They still tell of how the rugged poet, still clinging to his manner of dressing adopted in his earlier days while prospecting for gold in the far West, or leading a mass of Indians against a civilized post, entertained in his Meridian Hill home.

Decorations in Cabin. Purs, many of which were obtained on Miller's hunts through the dangerous country of the far West, occupied conspicuous positions all over the house. Rugged rough furniture helped carry out the idea of the poet as to how a home should be decorated. For Miller always has been a true portrayal of life. He has felt what he has written, and to give his writings the tone for which they have become famous, it was necessary for him to breathe the atmosphere in which his scenes were laid.

Miller spent several months in London before coming to Washington. This practically was his first "public appearance" as a literary genius. He had been in the British capital but a short time before all England became interested in his work. His poems were frequently in the current publications. It was but a short time until England wanted to see the man who was responsible for the work.

Miller was modest. England had rather a difficult time in getting him to come to the front. He became the man of the hour. He was wine and dine, and was the guest in royal circles. He liked it, and when he returned to America and came to Washington to engage in journalism his likes accompanied him.

Lover of Simplicity. The reception accorded him in London was repeated here. But Miller never lost his earlier likes—those for simplicity and unadornedness.

Repeated efforts were made to have the poet give up the little log cabin and move to the fashionable residential section of the city. But these were of no avail. A few months ago, the cabin, almost forgotten, served as the home for the caretaker of the few outbuildings which dotted that part of Meridian Hill. Recently the little cabin was filled with architects' blue prints, for a million-dollar home has arisen within a few feet of it. The man with the blue prints has moved. The veteran builder, H. D. Renninger, who constructed the cabin twenty-seven years ago, is taking to pieces the logs and boards which he nailed together, and will carefully transfer them to Potomac Park. Ten days will be required in removing the cabin. Another ten days will be required in which to reconstruct it. But the finished building will remain for years as a monument in Potomac Park, to one of Washington's most famous, although temporary, residents.

Fish Exhausts Him. A CALIFORNIA, Aug. 11.—After fighting a leaping tuna which he had hooked for seventeen hours, C. B. Stockton, of Los Angeles, landed his prize. He was so exhausted that he had to be carried home and put to bed.

## THIEVES IN RAID ON FARM BARN

Sheriffs and Police Now Seek Men Participating in Big  
Haul Near Alexandria—Widow Is the  
Heaviest Loser.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., AUG. 11. Warnings have been issued to the police of Alexandria and Washington and the sheriffs of adjoining counties to look out for thieves who made wholesale raids on the farms of farmers in New Alexandria across Hunting Creek, and about a mile from this city last night. A trio of thieves had been reported to the police of this city this morning, and it is expected more may be discovered.

The heaviest loser probably was Mrs. Daisy M. Hurst, a widow, and a dealer in produce, who lost her only wagon and a set of harness. George Roat at Holly Hill farm is this morning minus a set of new buggy harness, and a set of old harness, whips and other things, while one set of buggy and one set of wagon harness, besides a number of tools, were stolen from John H. Johnson.

Harry Tucker, colored, who two years ago tomorrow, shot and instantly killed Joseph Davis, also colored, on North Royal street, just outside the city limits in a quarrel over a woman, was today brought from Greenville, S. C.

## HIS MIND WRECKED, CHINAMAN SHOTS SELF BY SLEEPERS

Lee Hip's Suicide One of  
Three Occurring Among  
Celestials Here.

Lee Hip, a Chinese laundryman, shot himself in the chest with a revolver, while in his room at 346 Pennsylvania avenue northwest about 2 o'clock this morning, and died about an hour later at Casualty Hospital. After making an investigation, Coroner Nevitt was of the opinion that the shooting was a case of suicide and issued a death certificate accordingly. No inquest will be held.

All Chinatown today is discussing the suicide of Lee Hip for self-destruction on the part of Chinamen is rare, for suicide is considered an unpardonable crime by the natives of the Celestial Kingdom.

Mentally Unbalanced. During the last twenty years but three Chinamen have committed suicide in Washington. About three years ago a laundryman hanged himself to the gas jet in his room. Coroner Nevitt said today that the suicide of Lee Hip by shooting is the first Chinese suicide of the kind ever occurring in Washington.

As far as the police have been able to determine Lee Hip had been mentally unbalanced for some time. "Oh, Lee Hip, he's gone," said Lee Chong, a Chinese merchant who conducts a store on the first floor of the building in which the shooting occurred. "Lee, he walks along street and look funny at people. He look in sky. He look at sun. He always walks so funny."

Conducted Laundry. Lee Hip formerly conducted a laundry in Eleventh street northwest. Hip shared a room on the third floor of 346 Pennsylvania avenue with three "cousins" named Lee Gong, Lee Foy, and Lee Wing. Last night he went to bed at his accustomed hour and nothing was heard of him until shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, when the other occupants of the room were awakened by the report of a pistol. They found Lee Hip stretched out on a rug. He still held a revolver in his hand. The body was turned over to J. William Lee, undertaker, of 322 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, who for years has managed the funerals of all the Chinamen who have died in this city. The remains of Lee Hip temporarily will be buried in Congressional Cemetery, but eventually will be taken back to China for final interment.

## Government Pressman Is Injured at Bureau

As the result of having caught his right arm in a press at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing last night, Warren Dent, aged thirty-six, of 66 Rock Creek Church road, is at Emergency Hospital. It is believed he will not lose his arm.

where he was captured last week, and placed in the county jail at Fort Myer Heights. He was brought back by Sheriff W. H. Palmer of the county and Officer Frederick Garvey of the city police force.

The negro will soon be given a preliminary hearing before Justice Dobbert.

"Squire" Isaac C. Burrell, of Del Ray, for many years a justice of the peace in Alexandria county, is at the Washington Hospital in a critical condition. But slight hope is entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. Helen Grace Pitts, widow of the late Andrew J. Pitts, died at her home, 1285 King street, at 6 o'clock last evening, following an illness of long duration. She was about sixty years of age, and is survived by four children: Samuel W., Melvin, Herbert, and Miss Sadie Pitts. Funeral services will be held from the house tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock, the Rev. W. F. Watson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Members of the Alexandria Light Infantry today will embark on their annual excursion to Marshall Hall. The proceeds will be devoted to the building fund.

## CAMP GOOD WILL TO INAUGURATE DAILY FLAG-RAISING RULE

Child Guests Will Sing National  
Airs in Move to Instill  
Patriotism.

Formal raising of the American flag over Camp Good Will this evening will mark the inauguration of a daily custom that is expected to inspire patriotism in the many children of the poor who are taken there during the summer for outings of two weeks. It was announced by Mrs. E. K. Bushee this morning that each morning and evening hereafter patriotic songs will be sung by the young campers as the national banner is raised and lowered.

One of the eight children to be baptized at the camp Sunday is to be christened in the name of one of the women in charge of the camp. The fact that eight children will be christened there Sunday by the Rev. C. M. Hesser, pastor of the Brightwood Methodist Episcopal Church, is due to no activity on the part of those operating the camp, it was explained this morning. The suggestion came from the mothers of the children who are in the camp with them.

The significance of the flag-raising exercises will be explained by Mrs. Bushee, superintendent of the camp. Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, assistant secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, and the Rev. Hesser, will give short addresses.

## Many Washingtonians Now at Colonial Beach

The Washington colony at Colonial Beach is receiving daily additions, and now there are hundreds of residents of the Capitol enjoying the salt water bathing, the fishing and the amusements, that the Virginia watering place affords.

Because of this, it has been found necessary for the steamboat company to inaugurate a double week end service. Under arrangements which have just been made, the steamer Queen Anne will leave the Seventh street wharf at 2:30 p. m. and the steamer St. Johns, at 6 p. m. every Saturday. The Sunday schedule calls for the St. Johns to leave Washington again at 9 a. m. and the steamer will leave Colonial Beach on their return trips at 5 p. m. and 6 p. m. on Sunday evening.

## Hatchet Shaves Skull.

VINELAND, N. J., Aug. 11.—A hatchet slipping from the hand of a workman struck Contractor Kitchin on the back of the head and cleaned off the hair and the flesh the full width of the blade. Dr. George Cunningham drew the skin and hair back into place and says they will grow fast again.

## LABOR DAY FROLIC AT ORPHAN ASYLUM IS BEING ARRANGED

Anacostia Ladies' Aid Society Meets and Plans for  
Coming Festival.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ANACOSTIA, D. C., AUG. 11. Arrangements were completed for the annual Labor Day festival on the grounds of the German Orphan Asylum, at a meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of that institution yesterday evening. Mrs. Katherine Barthel, the president of the society, presided.

It was decided that the event this year shall be marked by several new features in an effort to make it the most successful festival of the kind ever held. Several committees were appointed to complete all arrangements. A dinner will be served indoors and a large committee was named to manage it. It is believed that fully 1,000 people will be present.

The third of a series of silver medal oratorical contests, that has aroused great interest among the members of the Methodist Church congregations in Prince George county, Md., was held last evening in the Oxon Hill Methodist Episcopal Church. These contests are under the direction of Mrs. H. V. Omo, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Those speaking last night were: Mabel Everett, Opie Allen, George Andrews, Eva Hardy, Florence Pyles, Marie Pyles, and Ruth Allen. The judges awarded the silver medal to Eva Hardy.

The Rev. William L. Moore, the pastor of the Carmichael Presbyterian Church, in Philadelphia, will deliver two sermons in the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Minnesota avenue, on Sunday.

The contemplated improvement of Fourteenth street between Good Hope road and V street, for which a special appropriation was made by Congress, will mean the improvement of Logan Park also, as the street passes directly through the park.

The plan now is to enlarge each side of the park by about four feet and to widen the sidewalks in Fourteenth street as well.

Work on the Maryland roads adjacent to this section is proceeding rapidly. The resurfacing of the macadamized roadway eastward has been finished. The work of cutting down hills, grading and graveling the road from the District line to Tee Bee by way of Silver Hill still is on. Two hills have been cut away.

## Des Moines Ideal City, Writer in Munsey's Says

"From being a dirty, ill-governed, crime-ridden town, the Iowa capital has become one of the showplaces of the middle West," writes Judson C. Welliver in the August number of Munsey's Magazine. "The new civic center, formed by grouping public buildings in the heart of the city, the river, is widely regarded as the finest effect of the kind in any American city."

"That the handsomely boulevard, generously parked, gorgeously lighted, well-ordered place which Des Moines is today, could be developed in so short a time from the Iowa mud-suckers' city is simply a wonder. If it could be brought to the realization of other cities, it would be certain to prove the most potent argument for the new system."

## Commissioners Accept Garage Company Bid

On recommendation of W. A. McFarland, superintendent of the Water Department, the Commissioners today decided to accept the bid of the Congressional Garage Company for two motor trucks for the Water Department at \$2,750 each. Before accepting the bid the trucks were subjected to a test run of eighty miles, with full loads, over the District roads.

## Father Has His Young Daughter Haled to Court

Sarah Becker, seventeen years old and pretty, is due to appear in the Juvenile Court and tell Judge Callan why she can't stay home nights. Her father, Nathan Becker, 1015 New Jersey avenue northwest, swore out a warrant yesterday charging her with being incorrigible. The father didn't mind Sarah staying out until midnight, and even a little later, if she wanted to, but when she buried an egg-leater at her mother's house he decided it was time to teach her a lesson. The warrant will be served today.

## Says True Reformers Assets Badly Impaired

"They'll be lucky if they get 25 cents on the dollar," Deputy W. R. Griffin, of the Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers, said today in regard to the members who had placed their savings in the bank of the order in Richmond.

Deputy Griffin had just returned from Richmond where he appeared before a grand jury which indicted officers of the order on charges of looting the bank. Mr. Griffin said he believed the bank was a hopeless wreck, but that he and other members of the committee now in charge were seeking a way out of the difficulty. The order, he stated, owns about \$30,000 or \$40,000 worth of property, but it has been mortgaged. There are about 2,000 True Reformers in Washington, and it is estimated that they deposited \$5,000 or more in the bank, besides buying insurance. The organization dates from 1881, and is an association of colored persons.

## Rogers, Who Was Shot, To Leave Hospital Today

Joseph Rogers, twenty-two years old, of 916 East Lombard street, Baltimore, who was found at Hatfield station, near Fort Myer, Wednesday night with a bullet wound in his lower jaw, will be able to leave the post hospital at Fort Myer this afternoon. Although a portion of his lower jaw was shattered, his wound is not serious.

Rogers declares the shooting was accidental. He had been visiting a soldier, Samuel Boyd, at the army post Wednesday, he said. He boarded an electric car for Washington in the evening, but alighted at Hatfield station. A pistol which he carried in his pocket, fell to the ground and went off. The bullet struck his jaw and he knew nothing further until he regained consciousness at the post hospital. It was several hours before Rogers was able to talk. This morning he explained to the physicians the cause of the accident. He will return to his home in the Monumental City tonight.

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